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NEW ABSTRACT

Digital television receiving equipment is provided with access to the Internet for downloading multimedia material relevant to a forthcoming television broadcast. The multimedia material may be locally cached for near instantaneous user access by a viewer during the actual television broadcast therefore avoiding any delay that could otherwise occur if real-time access to the Internet were to be attempted. Information in advance television broadcasts may be made available to the receiving equipment by an electronic program guide. The electronic program guide may include references to information located on the Internet relevant to forthcoming television broadcasts.